

**PEACE, HOPE, AND JOY**

Romans 5:1-11

v1. Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God. This is not the peace of God. It is peace with God.

v2. We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. God has told us how the movie ends. You watch differently when you know the ending. It is hopeful.

vv3-5. Suffering leads to perseverance, character, and hope. God might let me go down, but he won't let me go. He speaks to us in our pain. Pain strengthens us.

v6. Christ died for the ungodly, not for the virtuous. Take hope.

vv7-8. God loved us before we turned to him. How much more does he love us now.

vv9-11. Justice is served. But someone else paid the penalty.

We see ourselves as we are. God does, too. We have been justified by faith, then and continuing now. Because of that, we have peace. Because of that, we have hope. Because of that, we have joy.